

**Subject:** Fwd: Homeless problem escalating

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I saw you guys were mis-addressed or left off the distribution. FYI.

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Kelly, thanks for the report. Between the BID and LAPD, we can address this. I have copied the Commanding Officer and Patrol Captain of LAPD Wilshire Division to ask for additional patrol resources during the time slots you described. Also copied is our Senior Lead Officer. Hopefully they will respond quickly.

On Nov 1, 2016 1:40 AM, "Kelly McAuliffe" <[kellyemcauliffe@yahoo.com](mailto:kellyemcauliffe@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Hey guys,

Sorry to do this is in a late night email after a fantastic Halloween weekend on our block, but it is what it is...

We HAVE to do something about the growing homeless population between Martel and Gardner.

As has been reported before, Vinoteque and other businesses have had some issues with attempted break-ins and run-in's with the local color in the past. But as of late, it's exponentially getting worse and to the point of jeopardizing our business and safety. A few notes:

1) Let's start with the most fun one: Skeeter aka Thriller. Yes, our favorite tall skinny African-American mohwaked crackhead. Well he disappeared for awhile, after I had him arrested for coming at me with a lead pipe and threatening to kill me on my patio in the middle of a dinner service. Well now he's back better than ever. I've thrown him off the block in the alley 4 times in the last week, high as a kite. Last night he proceeded to strip naked and jump in the trash bins - AGAIN. Angie from La Maison called the police - I don't know what the final result was. But the point is he's dangerous, and needs to know he is not welcome on this street. Apparently restraining orders and arrests aren't cutting it.

2) There's a new crew in town - I chased 3 filthy and clearly wasted guys out of my patio yesterday in the middle of my happy hour service. They said "we thought we could chill here". They were new to the area - meaning word is getting around that this is a safe haven of sorts. Which leads me to...

3) Our block(s) are starting to get a reputation among the homeless community as easy targets. Between my patio and the courtyard next door, these are easy lounging and smoking out areas where they do not feel like they have the threat of being caught. In addition, there is a growing encampment of sorts on Vista just north of Melrose - there are at least 3 people sleeping there every night/day. And I have it on good authority that the gossip of this particular subset is that because of our late hours, we are "good targets". Whether that's for theft or just shelter is irrelevant - we are getting a name for ourselves and not in a good way.

There was another email before about police presence. While I believe that is the right start, there needs to be more done. GGC, Mare, Umbrella Company, Village Idiot and of course, Vinoteque, can not afford for this area to become known as 80's Times Square or 90's Hollywood Boulevard when we have customers and staff leaving at late hours.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration in this matter, and look forward to your comments and feedback.

Thank you all!

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